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June 30, 2015

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*VIA UPS and ECFS*

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, and requesting Confidential treatment for financial information pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules. Before the Federal Communications Commission. Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection, 2015. WC 14-58, 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Chugwater Telephone Company ("Chugwater"), GVNW Consulting, Inc. hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection" information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy is also being submitted to the Wyoming Public Regulatory Commission.

Chugwater requests confidential treatment under the Protective Order adopted in this proceeding for the section 54.313(f)(2) financial information included in this report on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information that is secure from public access and this information should not be released publicly for inspection as it could be used to disadvantage or harm Chugwater. In addition, Chugwater is requesting confidential treatment pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for the Five-Year Build-Out Plan Progress Report and Map that is required by section 54.313(a)(1) to be attached to this report.

In accordance with the Protective Order, two redacted copies marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" and one non redacted confidential version marked "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" are being filed with the Commission. A redacted copy has also been filed via the Electronic Comment Filing System.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jushio@gvnw.com](mailto:jushio@gvnw.com) or 719-594-5814.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judi Ushio

Judi Ushio  
Midwest Division Manager

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division  
(two copies, confidential)

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**ATTACHMENT – LINE 112**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ITS ENTIRETY**

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010> Study Area Code	512289	
<015> Study Area Name	CHUGWATER TEL CO	
<020> Program Year	2016	
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Andy Schein	
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gvnw.com	

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
<i>(check box when complete)</i>			
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>			
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>			
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)			
<410> Fixed	0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420> Mobile	0.0		
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<440> Fixed	0.0		
<450> Mobile	0.0		
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">512289wy510.pdf</div>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<610> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">512289wy610.pdf</div>	<i>(attached descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">512289wy1010.pdf</div>	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet</b>			
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>			
<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<2005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet</b>			
<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<3005>	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form				FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<020>	Program Year	2016		
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Andy Schein		
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.		
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gnvnc.com		
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	<input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/>		
<111>		<input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/>		
<p>If your answer to Line &lt;111&gt; is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line &lt;112&gt; delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.</p>				
<112>	<p>Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;">512289wy112.pdf</div>			
<p>Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.</p>				
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Andy Schein
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gvnr.com

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gvnmw.com

<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	
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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning.
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gvnm.com

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	aschein@gvwnv.com	
<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP	Name of Attached Document
<p>"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:</p>		
<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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<015>	Study Area Name	512289
<020>	Program Year	CHUGWATER TEL CO
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	2016
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	KIRBY SCHEIN
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	7155995560@CAL
		ABE@EIRINGVIEW.COM

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b), (c), (d), (e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information	

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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate of Return Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Ardv. Schein	
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	asche11@cdvny.com	
<p>CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.</p>		
(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3010.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(i); the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.</p>		
(3011) § 54.313 (f)(i); the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:</p>		
(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:</p>		
(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains</p>		
(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:</p>		
(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">512289wy3012.pdf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Jim Moberly</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: <u>Jim Moberly</u>	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>CHUGWATER TEL CO</u>	
Signature of Authorized Officer: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/29/2015</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer: <u>James Moberly</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: <u>President</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: <u>3072595351 ext.</u>	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>512289</u>	Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2015</u>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>CHUGWATER TEL CO</u>	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Andy Schein</u>	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/29/2015</u>
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Andy Schein</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Sr. Cost Consultant</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>7195945820 ext.</u>	
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## Attachments

<010>	Study Area Code	512289
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<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Andy Schein
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945800 ext.
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1/1/2015	
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

<703>

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**Line 510 - Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:**

Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Chugwater Telephone Company (CTC) complies with the requirements of 47CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag Rules to prevent identity threat. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Chugwater Telephone complies with the Wyoming Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules set forth in Chapter 5 of the Wyoming Public Service Commission's Rules. Quarterly Telecommunications Service Quality Reports are filed and should be on record with the Wyoming Public Service Commission. Chugwater Telephone is committed to providing the highest quality service to its customers.

Broadband

The Company follows the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to provide the highest quality service to its broadband customers.

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## **Line 610 -Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations**

### Back-up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Chugwater Telephone prides itself on updating and maintaining all its plant and equipment to prevent outages before they happen. If outages do happen, the Company has 24-hour on call staff and alarm reporting systems in place that send notifications to the 24 hour personnel monitoring these systems. The Company certifies that it follows best practices that are designed to allow them to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality in the event of a limited commercial power failure.

The Company utilizes battery back-up systems and standby generators in its central office. This enables Chugwater to maintain power during an outage of at least 48 hours with battery back-up and endless power with natural gas. In 2012 Chugwater installed \$25k in a new backup generating system which included new batteries and a generator. The new emergency power generator system is powered by a 22KW generator powered by natural gas.

### Ability to reroute traffic/data around damaged facilities

Chugwater Telephone does not have redundant interexchange facilities to the tandem that would allow it to reroute traffic to its connecting company/toll tandem if needed. Thus, in case of damaged CWF facilities, the Company does not have the ability to reroute traffic.

### Capability to manage traffic/data spikes resulting from emergency situations

Chugwater's trunk routes are monitored by Central Office equipment for usage utilization and management. Chugwater Telephone takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

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## **Voice Services Rate Comparability**

As evidenced by the data provided in line 700 of this Form 481, Chugwater's voice service pricing is no more than 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate (\$47.48) as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau on April 16, 2015 (DA 15-470)

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**Chugwater Telephone Company**  
**2015**  
**PROGRESS REPORT ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**



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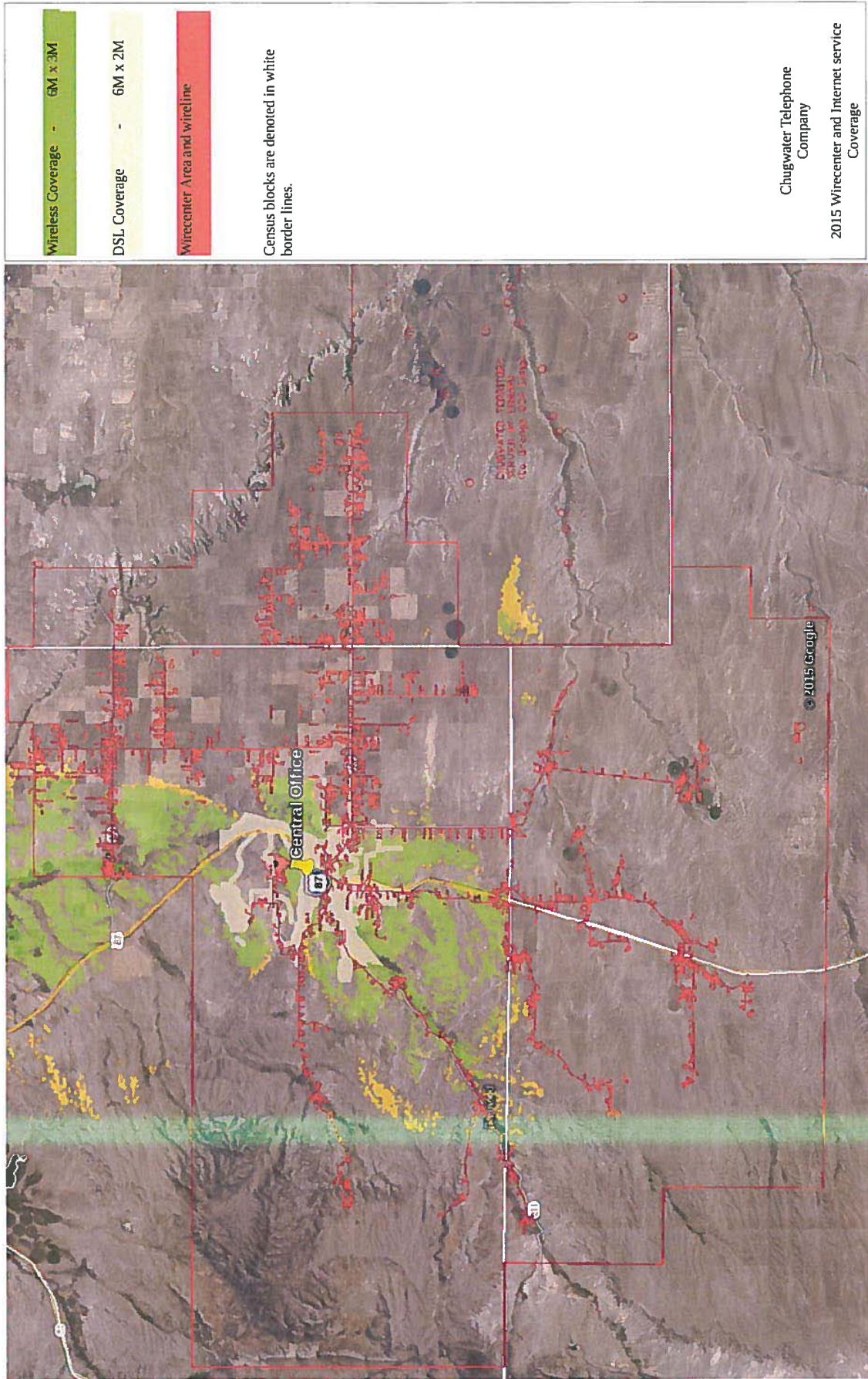


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CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY  
NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS-PROGRESS REPORT  
AS OF 2015 ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION - JULY 1, 2015

WIRE CENTER NAME & CLI	DESCRIPTION of IMPROVEMENT	PURPOSE	COST ESTIMATE	REGULATED % ALLOCATION	AMOUNT IN USE SUPPORT AREA	% VOICE	% BROADBAND	AREA IMPACTED	POPULATION IMPACTED	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	NOTES
2015											
CHUGWATER WIRE CENTER											1
											1
											1

NOTES:  
1 Project on track to be completed as scheduled



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CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY

WYOMING P.S.C. NO. 2

3rd Revised Sheet No. 22.1

Chugwater, Wyoming

Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet No. 22.1

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. Lifeline Service

1. Definition

The Lifeline Service or Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) provides for a discount on the recurring monthly rate for the provision of local residential service for certain qualifying low-income subscribers.

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2. Application

a. The Lifeline discount is available only to residential customers who meet the eligibility requirements established by the FCC.

(T)

(T)

b. Eligible Lifeline / TAP subscribers will receive credits or discounts to the normal one-party rates as follows:

Residential Access Line

Monthly Credit or Discount

Federal Lifeline Reduction

\$9.25

(N)(D)

(D)

The discount will be applicable to the following local exchange services:

Individual flat rate residential service.

In no case will the discount exceed the rate charged for the grade of residential service subscribed to by each individual.

c. Services covered under the Lifeline/TAP offering include:

- i. Single party, voice grade access to the Public Switched Network
- ii. Access to emergency services
- iii. Access to operator services
- iv. Access to interexchange services, unless toll blocking is chosen
- v. Access to directory assistance
- vi. Toll blocking

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By: Greg Cashner, Manager  
Chugwater, Wyoming

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CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY

Chugwater, Wyoming

WYOMING P.S.C. NO. 2

Original Sheet No. 22.2

Cancels Sheet No.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	
A. Lifeline Service (Cont'd)	(N)
3. Regulations	
a. The Lifeline discount will begin with the date the Company receives a valid application from the customer or when new service is established for a qualifying customer. The discount will be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's application.	
b. The regular non-recurring charges, and regulations applicable to the service offerings specified under the local service section of this tariff will apply for initial service establishment. Subscribers may request the Link Up plans identified in (B) below. The non-recurring charges for current subscribers to change to or from this program due to eligibility status will be waived.	
c. The discount is applicable only to a single residence line at the principal residence of the eligible subscriber.	
d. Customers must provide certification from the appropriate agency for which they qualify for the Lifeline/TAP service and must notify the Company when they are no longer participants in the Program.	
e. Lifeline will not be furnished on Foreign Exchange (FEX) circuits.	
f. Lifeline service will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Deposits will not be required if customers choose the toll blocking option. No toll blocking charges will be assessed to Lifeline subscribers.	
4. Funding	
The total cost of providing matching funds for the Lifeline/TAP service shall be funded from a uniform monthly surcharge to each residential and business access line. A surcharge of \$0.00 is necessary to fund the program.	

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By: Jim McGuire, Manager  
Chugwater, Wyoming

Effective: January 1, 1998

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## Wyoming Telephone Assistance Programs

Discounted telephone rates for those in financial need



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## Department of Family Services District Offices

City	Address	Phone
Alton	631 Washington	886-9232
Buffalo	381 N. Main St.	684-5513
Casper	851 Werner Ct #200	473-3900
Cheyenne	1510 East Pershing	777-7921
Cody	1301 Rumsey	587-6246
Douglas	219 North Russell	358-3138
Evanson	350 City View #206	780-2756
Gillette	1901 Energy Ct #300	682-7277
Glenrock	925 West Birch	436-9068
Greybull	616 2nd Ave North	765-9453
Jackson	155 West Gill	733-7757
Kemmerer	1100 Pine Ave	877-6670
Lander	201 North 4th	332-4038
Laramie	710 Garfield #220	745-7324
Lusk	905 South Main	334-2153
Lynnan	111 West Owens	786-4011
Newcastle	2013 W. Main #101	746-4657
Pinedale	111 N. Sublette	367-4124
Powell	109 West 14th	754-2245
Rawlins	215 W. Buffalo #359	328-0612
Riverton	120 N. 6th East	856-6521
Rock Springs	2451 Foothill #103	362-5630
Sheridan	111 East Works	672-2404
Sundance	102 North 5th	283-2014
Thermopolis	403 Big Horn	864-2158
Torrington	1618 East M St.	532-2191
Wheatland	975 Gilchrist	322-3790
Worland	1700 Robertson	347-6181
Eastern Shoshone Tribal Services		
Fort Washakie		332-6591
Northern Arapaho Nation Social Services		
Arnpahoe		857-2436



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## What is the Telephone Assistance Program?



The Telephone Assistance Program (TAP), also known as Lifeline, is a program to help provide eligible recipients a single residential telephone at their primary residence. The program offers a monthly discount on local telephone service. Tribal Lifeline support is also available for qualifying low-income individuals living on reservations as defined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations.

A related program, Link-Up America, provides a discount in installation fees of 50% up to a maximum of \$30.00 and allows eligible recipients to make no-interest payments on initial connection charges.

## How is the Telephone Assistance Program Funded?

The Telephone Assistance Program is jointly funded through federal and state programs. The federal portion of the program is funded through the federal Universal Service Fund. The money for this fund comes directly from long-distance telephone companies, who may or may not pass the cost on to their customers. Local telephone companies, who may also pass part or all of this cost along to customers, pay for the state portion of the fund. These costs do not exceed more than a few cents per month for a typical customer.

## Am I eligible for these discounted telephone rates?

It is estimated that more than 20,000 customers in Wyoming qualify for the Telephone Assistance Program. To qualify for Telephone Assistance or Link-Up America, you must be a local telephone customer in Wyoming and be eligible to receive benefits from one of the following programs:

- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)
- Medicaid
- Medical Assistance Programs
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Personal Opportunities With Employment Responsibility (POWER)

## What do I need to do to get the discounted rate?

Even if you are eligible for the program, you do not automatically receive the benefits of these programs. You must apply for these programs with your local telephone company. Applications may also be made through the Department of Family Services (DFS) field offices listed on the back of this brochure. DFS can work with your local provider to re-certify you each year for the program.

In Wyoming, you can also contact the following telephone companies directly:

- Qwest at 1-800-244-1111

- Sprint at 1-800-788-3500

- Western Wireless at a local retail sales outlet

Information on the Wyoming and Tribal programs is also available at the Federal Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) website at: <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/low-income/lifelinesupport/states/wy/wwwvy.asp>

## What if I qualify but have been unable to get the discount?

If you are eligible but have difficulty obtaining a discounted local service rate or reduced telephone installation charges, you should first contact your local telephone provider.

If you still have problems, call the PSC's toll-free complaint line at 1-888-570-9905 for more information or assistance in filing a written complaint. You can also send a letter that includes the following:

- Your name and address
- Your daytime telephone number or number where you receive messages
- The name of your local telephone company
- A complete explanation of the nature of your dispute, problem or concern
- The names and telephone numbers of telephone company employees with whom you spoke to concerning these benefits and the date and time when you talked to them.
- A copy of your bill showing you are not receiving the discounted monthly local charges or reduced service installation charges.
- Any other information you think will be helpful in resolving your concern or complaint

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## **Chugwater Telephone Company Lifeline**

### **54.313 Lifeline customers MOU and additional toll charges**

Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Chugwater's subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXC's that serve Chugwater.

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June 10, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

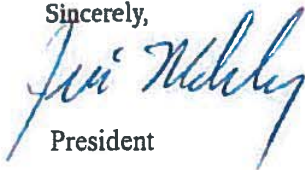
Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2015 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient 54.313(f)  
(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that The Chugwater Telephone Company

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

Sincerely,



President



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## **ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS WITHIN CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY'S TERRITORY**

No anchor institutions required or requested broadband service in 2014. Chugwater continues to monitor customer demand and technological innovation, planning to size its network in anticipation of requests and demand for higher speed broadband needs.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Chugwater Telephone Company  
Chugwater, WY 82210

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheets of Chugwater Telephone Company (a Wyoming corporation) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of income and retained earnings or margins for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2014, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements included in the form prescribed by the FCC and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the FCC, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the FCC, Universal Service Administrative Company and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Kiesling Accountants LLP*

Colorado Springs, CO

June 3, 2015

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Filed as subsidiary of reviewed consolidated company ☐

Filed as audited single company ☒

Filed as audited consolidated company ☐

Filed as subsidiary of audited consolidated company ☐

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signature

6/10/2015  
 Date

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev		
4. Non Affiliates:			31. Current Mat. Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Recquired Debt		
a. Rural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
b. Nonrural Development			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
a. Rural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
b. Nonrural Development			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
13. Nonregulated Investments			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			48. Other Deferred Credits		
15. Deferred Charges			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			<b>EQUITY</b>		
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
18. Telecom, Plant in Service			53. Treasury Stock		
19. Property Held for Future Use			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
20. Plant Under Construction			55. Other Capital		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
24. <b>TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)</b>			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)</b>		

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-11)/7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]		
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]		

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(3005c) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers		FCC Form 481
Cash Flow - Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986
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		JULY 2015

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3. Add: Depreciation	
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain) - Deferred Income Taxes	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22. Other (Explain)	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27. Other (Explain) - Salvage, net of cost of removing plant	
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30. Ending Cash	
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To the Board of Directors  
Chugwater Telephone Company  
Chugwater, Wyoming

We have audited the financial statements of Chugwater Telephone Company, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information to you in our engagement letter dated November 18, 2014. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### **Significant Audit Findings**

##### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies.

The significant accounting policies of the Company are described in footnotes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2014. We noted no transactions entered into by the Company during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the proper period.

During 2014, majority-ownership changed pursuant to a Stockholder Exchange Agreement. There were no other transactions entered into by the Company during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The only sensitive accounting estimates included in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, relate to the estimates for depreciation. As part of our audit, we compared the Company's depreciation rates to average rates used within the telecommunications industry. We have also discussed with management the Company's long-range plant replacement plans and have determined the current depreciation rates to be consistent with those plans.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 30, 2015.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Company's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Company's auditor. However, these communications occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and to our knowledge our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management of the Company, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and the relevant state and local regulatory agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Colorado Springs, Colorado  
April 30, 2015